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In the Matter of:

Wireline Competition Bureau Seeking)
Comments on E-rate Category Two)

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Sequoyah Regional Library System was desperately seeking a secure and cost-effective Wi-Fi solution to address the mobile needs of our patrons, and a centralized cloud solution to maximize network performance. When we heard that E-RATE funding would cover half of our cost, we immediately became one of the first library systems to apply for Category 2 Services under the new plan.

The E-RATE Modernization in 2014 allowed us to purchase a Meraki (top of the line) cloud-managed bundled solution. Without this funding, it would have been extremely expensive to provide such a state-of-the-art solution to both our urban and rural communities.

This cloud networking solution allows us to login via a web-based dashboard to manage all of our Meraki devices such as access points, switches, and firewalls to secure and provide content filtering for our patrons and staff. We are now able to take full advantage of the 100 Megabyte Internet circuits located at each branch by utilizing gigabyte speed instead of 100 megabytes, ten times the speed of what we had before the much-needed Modernization upgrades.

With the commitment of the FCC, we are able to provide a reliable and secure network to our patrons. Please maintain secure funding through the full five-year budget period as adopted during the 2014 Modernization. Our communities depend on the life-changing and innovative solutions the funding provides.